We are happy to give you coupons to get free fresh fruits and vegetables at the Farmers Markets and Roadside Stands printed in the 2005 Directory.

USING YOUR COUPONS

- You get \$16 worth of coupons. Each coupon is worth \$4. Farmers cannot give change.
- Sign your name on the front, like a check.
- You can use these at any approved Farmers Market & Roadside Stand printed in the 2005 directory.
- Look for the sign "Farmers Market Coupons Welcome."
- You can use your coupons only to buy fresh fruits, vegetables & cut herbs.
- You have to use them by November 30, 2005.

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FRUITS & VEGETABLES

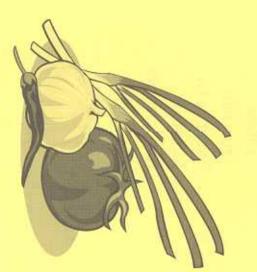
... Are an important part of your daily meals.

... Help you to keep from getting sick, and can help you fight disease.

... Are low in fat.

... Are high in vitamins.

... And they taste good!





WHAT TO EXPECT AT A FARMERS MARKET

- A Farmers Market is like many old-time "Fruit Trucks" gathered all in one place.
- A Farmers Market may be busy, like a country fair.
- You will see many farmers selling their fruits & vegetables.
- You may also want to bring your hat & umbrella because the market may be outside.
- Go around and look before you decide what to buy.
- Each Farmers Market and Roadside Stand has its own days and hours when it is open. READ THE DIRECTORY FOR THE SCHEDULES.

LOUISIANA HARVEST CALENDAR

Here are the best times to buy fruits and vegetables with your coupons at Louisiana Farmers Markets and Roadside Stands. Different markets will have different kinds of fruits and vegetables depending upon the season, the location of the market, and the number of farmers at each market.

FRUITS & VEGETABLES AVAILABLE IN THE SUMMER 20 FALL

Fruits Grapes Blackberries Apples (a few Nectarines Melons Mayhaws Blueberries varieties) watermelons cantaloupes honeydew musk local varieties (muscadine & other Plums Garlic Pears Greens Eggplant Beans Artichokes Peaches Cucumbers Vegetables arugula snap beans collard butterbeans Summer Squash Okra Sweet corn Peppers (bell & hot) Onions Turnip roots Tomatoes Lettuce Irish potatoes Cut herbs yellow mustard zucchini turnip Pears Satsumas & other Oranges Mandarins Lemons Kumquats Grapefruit Fruits Pomegranates Persimmons tangerines Beets Beans Irish potatoes Broccoli Cut herbs Greens Cauliflower Carrots Cabbage Vegetables arugula collard turnip snap beans mustard butterbeans peas kale Hall Squash Okra Swiss chard Sweet potatoes Spinach Pumpkins lomatoes Rutabagas Radishes Onions Lettuce zucchini acorn yellow cushaw butternut

Tips On Fruits & Vegetables

- Buy fresh fruits & vegetables in season, when they are cheaper.
- If you place fruits & vegetables where you can always see them, you'll be more likely to eat them.
- Wash raw fruits & vegetables in warm water.

- Keep cut, peeled and broken-apart fruits & vegetables in the refrigerator.
- Throw away the outer leaves of leafy vegetables, such as lettuce
 & cabbage.
- Don't buy fruits & vegetables that look brownish, slimy or dried out.